

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 3572 - SB 3570**

March 2, 2010

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prohibits owners or managers of retail stores from being held liable for civil damages if an employee makes a sale of alcohol to a minor. Eliminates any penalty against a store owner or manager when an employee swears a statement attesting to whole responsibility of any sale of tobacco to a minor.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Decrease State Revenue – \$45,000**

**Assumptions:**

- According to the Department of Agriculture, \$50,000 in civil penalties is collected annually as a result of violations to the Youth Access to Tobacco Law. The reduced amount of civil penalties that will be collected as a result of this bill is unknown but reasonably estimated to be approximately \$5,000 resulting in a decrease to state revenue of \$45,000.
- The number of court approved “sting” operations to identify the illegal sale of tobacco to minors will not be reduced.
- According to the Alcoholic Beverage Commission, protecting store owners and managers against civil damages when an illegal sale is made by an employee will result in a not significant decrease to state revenue.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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